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SUBJECT: SANTA MARIA GARONA FUEL TRANSFER

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1. EMBASSY CONCERNED BY FAILURE TO APPROVE MB 10
LICENSE FOR TRANSFER OF SPENT SANTA MARIA GARONA FUEL
TO UK. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY JUNTA DE ENERGIA
NUCLEAR AND NUCLENOR (OPERATOR OF GARONA REACTOR) THAT
IF APPROVAL IS NOT GIVEN BY END OF FEBRUARY SHIPMENT
SCHEDULE WILL BE UPSET TO POINT REQUIRING SHUT DOWN OF
REACTOR.

2. AS STATED IN EARLIER CABLES, SHUT DOWN WOULD MEAN
LOSS OF FULLY FOUR PERCENT OF SPAIN'S ENTIRE ELECTRIC
SUPPLY AND UP TO 40 PERCENT OF SUPPLY IN NORTHERN ZONE
SERVED DIRECTLY BY REACTOR. REPLACEMENT BY OIL FIRED
POWER WOULD ADD 3000 TONS PER DAY TO ALREADY STAGGERING
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OIL IMPORTS. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THIS WOULD
GENERATE UNFAVORABLE REACTION AND ADVERSE PUBLICITY.

3. EMBASSY FULLY REALIZES PROBLEMS DELAYING APPROVAL
OF LICENSE. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THIS IS EXCEPTIONAL
CASE MERITING SPECIAL CONSIDERATION. SANTA MARIA
GARONA WAS BUILT BY GENERAL ELECTRIC (US) SEVERAL YEARS

AGO WHEN THE REPROCESSING AND STORAGE QUESTIONS WERE
LESS OF A FACTOR. SPAIN SCRUPULOUSLY FOLLOWED THE
THEN APPLICABLE US REGULATIONS IN CONSTRUCTING THE
CENTRAL AND SINCE THAT TIME HAS CAREFULLY FOLLOWED ALL
US REGULATIONS COVERING ITS OPERATION. AMERICAN
REGULATORY AGENCIES HAVE ALWAYS ENJOYED FULL ACCESS
TO THE CENTRAL (AS WELL AS ALL SPANISH NUCLEAR
INSTALLATIONS). FURTHER, SINCE THE FUEL USED AT GARONA
IS US ENRICHED MATERIAL, THERE IS NO QUESTION OF OUR
CONTROL OVER ITS EVENTUAL DISPOSITION.

4. FAILURE TO ACT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS WILL RESULT
IN A MOST UNFORTUNATE SITUATION OF SERIOUS CONSEQUENCE
TO OUR INTERESTS IN SPAIN'S NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM.
IF WE EXPECT TO CONTINUE EXERCISING SIGNIFICANT CONTROL
OVER THE DIRECTION OF SPAIN'S NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES,
HELP SPAIN OUT OF A REAL ENERGY CRISIS, AND MAINTAIN
OUR DOMINANT POSITION IN THE MULTIBILLION DOLLAR SPANISH
NUCLEAR MARKET, WE MUST ACT IMMEDIATELY ON THIS LICENSE.
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